

HANNAH McDOWELL.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 276.]

MARCH 2, 1860.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition and papers and a bill to pay Hannah McDowell, of North Carolina, widow of Lieutenant James McDowell, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:*

It appears from the papers that Hannah McDowell, the widow of Lieutenant James McDowell, applied for the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 3d of February, 1853, on account of the services of her said husband, who was a lieutenant in Captain Robert Campbell's company, third regiment United States rifles, in the war of 1812, and who was an invalid pensioner at the rate of fifteen dollars per month, commencing on the 1st of March, 1852, and terminating on the 29th of May, 1854, when he died. The said Hannah McDowell was granted a pension under the said act of February 3, 1853, at the rate of twelve dollars and a half per month, commencing on the 4th of July, 1859, the date of the completion of her proofs, the custom of the pension bureau. She now claims that her pension should commence at her husband's death, say May 29, 1854, and adduces in support of her claim the decision of the Hon. Attorney General Black in the case of Mrs. Sarah Hunt, of Alabama, who decided, on appeal, that her pension should commence from the date of the act, say February, 1853, or from the date of her husband's death; and upon said decision the Commissioner of Pensions did pay several cases, but in hers, as in others, refused to carry out the said decision, for the alleged reason that Congress made no appropriation to pay such cases.

The committee are clearly of the opinion that in view of the spirit and justice of the act of Congress under which the petitioner claims, and under the decision of the Attorney General, that her, the said Hannah McDowell's, pension should be made to commence from the date of her husband's, the said James McDowell's, death, say the 29th of May, 1854, and therefore report the following bill for her relief:

WEBSTER B. STEELE  
HANNAH McDOWELL.

(To accompany H. R. No. 111.)

March 2, 1858.

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Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following report:

REPORT  
OF THE

COMMITTEE ON INVALID PENSIONS, TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition and papers with a bill to pay Hannah McDowell of North Carolina, widow of Lieutenant James McDowell, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears from the papers that Hannah McDowell, the widow of Lieutenant James McDowell, applied for the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 3d of February, 1852, on account of the services of her husband, who was a lieutenant in Captain Robert Campbell's company, Third Regiment United States rifle, in the war of 1812, and who was an invalid pensioner at the rate of three dollars per month, commencing on the 1st of March, 1852, and terminating on the 12th of May, 1851, when he died. The said Hannah McDowell was granted a pension under the said act of February 3, 1852, at the rate of twelve dollars and a half per month, commencing on the 1st of July, 1852, the date of the expiration of her pension, the terms of the pension as her husband's death, say May 12, 1851, and whereas in support of her claim the decision of the Hon. Attorney General Black is the one of Mrs. Sarah Hunt of Alabama, who decided, on appeal, that her pension should commence from the date of the act, say February, 1852, or from the date of her husband's death; and upon said decision the Commissioner of Pensions did pay several cases but in none as in others, refused to carry out the said decision for the alleged reason that Congress made no appropriation to pay such cases.

The committee are clearly of the opinion that in view of the spirit and justice of the act of Congress under which the petition claims, and under the decision of the Attorney General, that but the said Hannah McDowell's pension should be made to commence from the date of her husband's death, say the 12th of May, 1851, and therefore report the following bill for her relief: